

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph [0016] starting at page 8, line 14 and ending at page 9, line 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

[0016] The lead-in chamfer has an angle corresponding ~~[type in original - Tr.Ed.]~~ to a chamfer at the upper elongated hole of the upper container corner fitting and thus fits tightly in the elongated hole. As an alternative, only the upper area pointing to the stop plate corresponding to the length of the chamfer at the elongated hole may be provided with an angle corresponding to the chamfer at the elongated hole. A flatter curve as compared with this chamfer is then provided under this chamfer. Consequently, the vertical distance between the locking catch and the stop plate can be reduced, as a result of which the vertical play of the coupling piece in the corner fitting is also simultaneously reduced. Consequently, the certainty of lashing the containers joined with one another onboard the ship is further increased.